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Maryland Man Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison For Fatally Stabbing Man in 2007

WASHINGTON - Leroy Jenkins, 35, of Capitol Heights, Md., was sentenced today to 18 years in prison for a slaying that took place three years ago in Southeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Jenkins was found guilty on September 22, 2010 of charges of voluntary manslaughter while armed, carrying a dangerous weapon, and obstruction of justice. The verdict followed a two-week trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Judge Gregory Jackson sentenced him today.

According to the government's evidence presented at trial, Jenkins stabbed and killed Rahim Winston, 30, in the 1300 block of C Street SE about 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2007. Shortly before the stabbing, Jenkins and Winston had been arguing and became involved in a brief physical altercation. The argument resumed a short time later, and Jenkins stabbed Winston in the arm and chest with a knife. Moments later, Winston collapsed in the 300 block of Kentucky Avenue SE.

Jenkins was observed by witnesses arguing with Winston earlier that evening. He also was seen angrily confronting Winston immediately after the stabbing, as Winston was stumbling down Kentucky Avenue shortly before he collapsed.

Approximately one week after the stabbing, Jenkins admitted to his girlfriend that he stabbed and killed the decedent. Jenkins's girlfriend was eventually interviewed by police and informed the police that Jenkins had admitted to the stabbing. After his arrest for the killing, Jenkins instructed his girlfriend to recant her statement to the police that he had admitted to her that he committed the stabbing. On October 3, 2007, she testified at Jenkins's preliminary hearing and recanted her statement to the police that he had admitted to the stabbing and killing.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Matthew Dailey, Lieutenant Ozetta Posey, Lieutenant Robert Alder, and the members of Squad Five of the Violent Crimes Branch. He also praised the efforts of MPD Officers Richard S. Griffin, Ridley Durham, and Grant Greenwalt.

U.S. Attorney Machen also praised the work of employees in his office, including Paralegals Marian Russell and Mia Beamon, and Administrative Supervisor Wanda Queen. He also thanked members of the Litigation Services team for their outstanding support, including Kimberly Smith, Joseph Calvarese, and Ron Royal. He expressed gratitude for the work of Marcia Rinker of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit. Finally, he thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steven B. Wasserman and Melinda Williams, who indicted and tried the case.

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